

Letter from the President



Howdy Hyde Park,

What a month! We all should have been prepared for the first month of the new year to be as bonkers as the twelve months of last year, but I certainly never expected to live through a constitutional crisis and an attempted insurrection. It has also been a tough month for our community as the Houston area continues to see rising numbers of infections. Stay safe everyone. No need to lower your guard now.

General Meetings

We had a great speaker at our January meeting, **Jim Parsons** from Preservation Houston. Jim gave a tremendous presentation on the work of the organization and offered ways for us to get involved.

Our next meeting will be via Zoom on February 2nd at 7 pm. We will have **Amy Reed, Executive Director of Keep Houston Beautiful**, as our guest speaker. I hope you are able to join and learn more about the work they are doing to help beautify Houston. In connection with the speaking engagement, we are having a clean-up around the neighborhood on March 6th (with a rain day set for March 13th). We hope that Ms. Reed's presentation will serve as an introduction to why it's important to directly participate in clean-up efforts, especially around Hyde Park.

We are arranging for a speaker from Legacy Community Health at our meeting on March 2nd. We thought that the speaker could touch upon the community's concerns about the Covid-19 vaccine rollout, which may, at that time, be expanded to other groups.

The log-in details for the January meeting are noted on page 3. Attendees can join the Zoom call even if they do not have a computer. There is a dial-in number that allows you to participate with audio only. We will also post the login information on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HydeParkUnited>.

What's Going On

We will be launching a membership drive later this month. Please consider becoming a member, either an individual membership of \$30 for the year or a household membership for \$60 for the year. The membership fees help fund many of the activities that we do over the course of the year and the upkeep of Lamar Park.

This Month

› HPCA Meeting

Feb 2nd via Zoom. Speaker from Keep Houston Beautiful. Details on Page 3.

› Monarch Players Concert

Feb 14th in Lamar Park. See details on our Facebook page.

Next Month

› HPCA Meeting - Legacy Community Health

March 2nd @ 7pm

› Neighborhood Clean-up

March 6th (March 13th if it is raining!)

Volunteers

We remain in need of volunteers for Hyde Park Civic Association. If you have any time to give, giving back to our neighborhood by getting involved on the Board or in one of the other volunteer positions is a truly worthwhile endeavor! Reach out to any of us if you are interested.

Thank you for continuing to follow the guidelines on social distancing and wearing a face mask. It does make a difference! Stay safe everyone.

See ya,

Chris Delphin, President

Civic Club Meeting Recap

Submitted by *Ellen Pollard*

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The meeting, done through zoom, was brought to order by **Chris Delphin**, President. He thanked Helen Zunka for her years of service as Membership chair. Not only was she in charge of membership but also began many traditions in our civic club—Happy Hours, Christmas tree decorating in the park and caroling in the park. She will be missed. If anyone would like to become Membership Chair, please contact Chris.

This month, our speaker was **Jim Parsons** who is the Program Director for Preservation Houston. According to their website (Preservation Houston.org), Preservation Houston is Houston's only city wide nonprofit historic preservation education and advocacy organization. Since 1978, Preservation Houston has voiced strong support for better public policy and protection of our irreplaceable historic resources. Mr. Parsons began with a history tour of Houston. The Allen brothers founded Houston in 1863. But one of the brothers (Augustus) had a wife named Charlotte who was also instrumental in the construction of Houston. She remained here even after they divorced and Augustus left. Mr. Parsons' pictures showed how Houston evolved. In 1911, Montrose was known as a model subdivision. Houston continued to grow but in the '70's and '80's grew too quickly with a huge influx of people from all over. At this time, buildings started being torn down and replaced by parking lots. In 1978, all 3 downtown movie theaters were demolished. Another interesting story is about the Shamrock Hotel which was constructed and opened in 1949. It was located at Fannin and Holcombe. It was the largest hotel built in the U.S. in the 1940's. Hilton took over ownership in 1955 and in 1985 it was donated to the Texas Medical Center. In 1987, the hotel was demolished because it was thought silly to have a hotel in the Medical Center. Thanks in part to Preservation Houston, 3 houses have been restored and are in use today. The Kirby House, River Oaks Theater and Tranquility Park are in danger of being demolished and Preservation Houston is trying to save them. Several walking tours are offered through Preservation Houston, one through the Montrose area. It is easy to become a member of Preservation Houston. Just go to their website and you will find all the information. Thank you to Jim Parsons for such an interesting presentation.

General Business

Treasurer's Report- We began the month with \$10,448.88. After expenses of \$681.66 and revenue of \$931.11, we have \$10,698.33. Chris Delphin mentioned that as a club, we are treading water. We need more members and more advertisers. If you haven't already, please pay your dues now. Reminders should be going out soon.

Lamar Park- We are currently working to complete Phase IV in Lamar Park!

As a review listed below are the phases:

Phase I - Major Clean up- Lamar Park and area streets were canvassed by neighborhood volunteers. Twenty+ (20) bags of trash and debris were collected. In addition, a generous donor paid for mulch and

February HPCA Zoom Meeting Details

There are two ways to join:

Copy and paste (or click the link) the following into your browser and hit return:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86902106912>

Dial +1 346-248-7799 and follow the prompts to enter the meeting ID number followed by the pound sign (869 0210 6912 #).

You will be placed in a waiting room and granted access at the time the meeting starts. The meeting ID will change each month, so make sure to check the number each time you join.

February 2nd @ 7PM
Speaker: Amy Reed from Keep Houston Beautiful

hired workers to mulch all the tree areas within the park.

Phase II - Community Awareness-ongoing.

Early 2020 a “Take Pride” signage initiative was started in the park with a focus to pitch-in as a community and pick up trash when you spot it. Current signage in the park states “Come Together” as a community and asks the neighbors to join with membership.

Phase III - Fall cleanup days were organized and 3 community pitch-ins were completed.

Phase IV - Sprinkler Repair/ Tree Trimming/ Tree Lighting

The sprinkler repair as well as the tree trimming have been completed. We are working to collect bids for the tree lighting and will submit these to the board and then onto the city for approvals very soon.

Phase V - Landscaping Initiative to include installation of sod and new plantings throughout the park is planned.

Deed Restriction- A builder on Maryland has contacted the Deed Restriction Committee about a replat. Updates will follow.

Chris ended the meeting by talking about the Holiday Light Contest. **Adam Butterworth** on Fairview won first place and the \$100 gift card. **Carson Hagar** on Waugh and **Jayne and Rex Richardson** on West Drew won honorable mention and free couples' membership to HPCA. Congratulations to them. Hopefully this will become a new tradition for Hyde Park.

Our next meeting will be February 2 and our speaker will be **Amy Reed** with Keep Houston Beautiful. Hope to see you all there.

The meeting ended at 7:50pm.

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Did You Know

Submitted by Chris Delphin

If you are like me, you are missing live theater in Houston. There are more options now for online experiences. Check out the Alley Theater (<https://www.alleytheatre.org/plays>), Main Street Theater (<https://mainstreettheater.com/>) and Ensemble Theater (<https://ensemblehouston.com/>) for information on plays they are streaming online.

Would you like to reach out to more than 1,500 of your Hyde Park neighbors? Contact Carlos Fernandez at advertising@hydeparkhouston.org

2021 Monthly HPCA Meeting Schedule

Submitted by Heather Almquist

Monthly meetings are open to the public and held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm, with the exceptions of holidays and others noted below. We anticipate meeting through Zoom for the foreseeable future.

Volunteers work to secure guest speakers of general interest to the community each month. If you have a topic that you'd like to learn more about or want to suggest a guest speaker, contact president@hydeparkhouston.org.

- February 2nd
- March 3rd
- April 6th
- May 4th
- June 1st
- July - Summer Break - no meeting
- August 3rd
- September 7th
- October - NNO, TBD
- November 2nd
- December - TBD

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HPD Crime Reports for December 2020

Submitted by Jim Pollard

Crime	Date	Address	Location
Aggravated Assault	12/10/2020 23:00	2700 BLOCK LINCOLN	Parking Lot, Garage
All other larceny	12/13/2020 20:00	2000 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Other, Unknown
All other larceny	12/27/2020 10:00	2300 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Burglary, Breaking and Entering	12/26/2020 23:00	2500 BLOCK WAUGH DR	Church, Synagogue, Temple
Destruction, damage, vandalism	12/8/2020 18:00	1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Bar, Nightclub
Destruction, damage, vandalism	12/19/2020 15:00	2000 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Commercial, Office Building
Destruction, damage, vandalism	12/27/2020 11:00	2500 BLOCK WAUGH DR	Church, Synagogue, Temple
Driving under the influence	12/13/2020 6:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Drug equipment violations	12/14/2020 22:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Parking Lot, Garage
Intimidation	12/15/2020 18:00	1000 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Speciality Store
Motor vehicle theft	12/12/2020 15:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Parking Lot, Garage
Motor vehicle theft	12/26/2020 14:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Parking Lot, Garage
Robbery	12/1/2020 19:00	1100 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Speciality Store
Shoplifting	12/10/2020 5:00	1100 BLOCK CALIFORNIA ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Simple assault	12/12/2020 1:00	1700 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST	Bar, Nightclub
Simple assault	12/12/2020 2:00	2000 BLOCK WAUGH DR	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft from motor vehicle	12/1/2020 17:00	2500 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft from motor vehicle	12/3/2020 19:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft from motor vehicle	12/15/2020 23:00	1700 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Trespass of real property	12/1/2020 14:00	1300 BLOCK BOMAR ST	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Trespass of real property	12/1/2020 19:00	1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Bar, Nightclub
Trespass of real property	12/2/2020 12:00	1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Speciality Store
Trespass of real property	12/11/2020 21:00	2500 BLOCK WAUGH DR	Church, Synagogue, Temple
Trespass of real property	12/13/2020 11:00	1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Bar, Nightclub

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